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## WITH SUPPLEMENT.

The conference with the Count de Chambord is supposed to be fruitless. Deputies to the National Assembly are beginning to arrive at Versailles. - Admiral Lobo has been deprived of the command of the Spanish fact before Cartagona. :- The United States steamer Figress has arrived at St. Johns, N. F.

E. W. McKinstry, People's candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, is elected in California. In Philadelphia the majorities of the Republican candidates range from 9,900 to 25,000. - The examination of Phelps, the Albany defaulter, has been postponed until to-morrow. Au investigation of the State Treasurer's accounts is in progress. - The steamer Missouri struck a rock off the Plorida coast in a smooth sea Oct. 1, and was lost, the passengers being saved and conveyed to Key West ...... The counsel of the Lebigh Coal and Navigation Company charges Secretary (Richardson with a fligh misdemeanor in connection with alleged illegal scizures of canal-boats. - Several lives were lest by a prairie fire in Nebraska. ==== The report of the Con missioner of Customs shows receipts during the year amounting to over \$120,000,000. \_\_\_ Director Linderman of the U. S. Mint explains how two silver halfdollars are worth only 28 cents in currency with gold

Stocks advanced and gold declined; there were no additional failures; Jay Gould has withdrawn from the Presidency of the New-Jersey Southern Railroad and his special parnership; George Bird Grinnell & Co. flied an application for voluntary bankruptcy, and sales were made for their account under the rules. others made addresses before the Free Religious Association, on "Evangelical Councils" and "Science and Religion." ---- Gen. Banks lectured on "American Magnifactures." ==== The Women's Congress continued its session. -- Gold, 1084, 1084, 1084. Thermometer,

Yesterday, at the second day's session of the Women's Congress, two or three questions of great social importance were discussed by speakers of experience and ability. We print a summary of these debates on the third page of THE TRIBUNE, to-day.

The convocation of "Free Religionists," which has been in session in this city for several days past, came to an end yesterday. Those who have read THE TRIBUNE's account of the meetings need not be told that they were extremely interesting, and that their results in the form of bright and attractive essays and speeches are sufficient justification of the Conference. On our second page is printed a full report of the last day's work of the Association, in which Prof. E. L. Youmans, Mr. John Weiss, and others participated.

The account of the wreck of the steamer Missouri, which reaches us by way of New-Orleans, indicates an astonishing degree of recklessness on the part of the navigators of the legal tender circulation to four hundred the ship. The report of one of the passengers, millions is now steadily progressing, the outwho is a mariner, shows that the steamship was run upon a reef in the afternoon of a fair day when the sea was smooth as glass. If this statement is correct, we are prepared to that affairs here cannot get into a worse state believe that there was no officer on deck at than they are in already. Of that we are not the time of the wreck. Bimini, the island on altogether sure. But the effect in England of

but there will be, nevertheless, great interest in the development of the extraordinary story.

The figures from Ohio as far as heard from, with estimates believed to be trustworthy for the rest of the State, indicate the redlection of Gov. Noyes by about 2,000 majority. The Legislature is Democratic, however, insuring the reëlection of Senator Thurman. In times like these any party newspaper that can manufacture enthusiasm over a "Victory" is doing the public a service. It pleases everybody to see anybody tickled. We have observed but one journal that seems especially jubilant over the returns, but that one is so pictorial in its joy and double-leaded in its gratulations that its most ardent opponent cannot be otherwise than delighted at its exuberance. It would be a very wicked Administration that would desire even by its own success to hinder such a demonstration. There has seldom been so hearty a rejoicing over so small a circumstance.

California Independenta are naturally very much elated over their recent successes. In the September election they put to confusion the councils of both the old political parties by securing the balance of power in the Legislature, the city government of San Francisco, and a majority of the county offices throughout the State. Now they have elected a Supreme Judge, McKinstry's majority being reported as quite large. There were three candidates floreis Serenth Page-2d column; European-Tenth | in the field; E. W. McKinstry, Independent; S. H. Dwinelle, Republican; and S. B. McKee, Democrat. The Republicans held together pretty well; but the Independents were largely reënforced from the Democratic party. Many of the leading California journals predicted, before the election, that the choice of McKinstry would be a popular expression of the opinion that the mission of the Republican and Democratic parties had been fulfilled. The result is certainly a significant one and may be justly considered as a great victory of people over

An extraordinary charge has been brought against Secretary Richardson by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and others. There has been considerable controversy over the legality of the "alien tax" levied on canalboats found trading in navigable waters of the United States and not enrolled as coasting vessels. The Treasury Department has ordered the seizure and condemnation of craft not conforming to the law. But it is claimed that the law is null and void, as so construed, and has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. The complainants aver that the Secretary of the Treasury has committed a high misdemeanor in office by arbitrarily ordering his subordinates in office to disregard the decrees of the Supreme Court and enforce the collection of the tax; and they say they are ready to maintain their charges before a high court of impeachment. A semi-official explanation of Secretary Richardson is to the effect that the order to collect the unconstitutional tax was issued by an acting Secretary of the Treasury while he (Mr. Richardson) was away from Washington. This curious proceeding seems to show that Mr. Richardson can be a Secretary and yet not a Secretary.

Mr. Phelps, the defaulting money Clerk of

the State Treasury, lies in jail at Albany, and under the advice of counsel, declines to state to the public how he became a rascal. There is a cheerful feeling at the Capitol, because it is now nearly certain that \$300,000 will cover the full extent of the theft. It is not to be called theft, however, it appears, because when a public officer robs the State the proper term is "breach of trust." There will be nothing unlawful done to Mr. Phelps in the way of punishment, but it will be a wretched farce if the law fails to treat his shameful crime as it deserves. It is sickly and mawkish to refer to his former good character or respectable connections. He has committed one of those unpardonable crimes which poison the springs public confidence, which bring contempt upon the very idea of government, and create the fatal impression among the vicious and degraded that their superiors are at heart no better than themselves. We would not preindge a case in which there was any doubt, but it appears that there will be no attempt here to disprove the crime of Phelps. He threatens, if prosecuted vigorously, to retort by exposing the villainies of the so-called Albany Ring. Perhaps this is the bravado of a scoundrel; we wish we could be sure of it; there is only too much reason to fear that if Phelps tells all he knows we shall hear something especially scandalous of political life in Albany. We withhold further remarks for fuller evidence, but we wish it understood at once that nothing is to be allowed to save the men who shall be found guilty either of complicity in this crime or of negligence which favored it. No man is worth so much to the public service as a prompt example just now

TAD FEATURES OF THE SITUATION. The continued depression in the prices of bills of exchange on London is a bad sign. It shows that the importers are unable or indisposed to pay the debts which are constantly falling due to their foreign creditors. These debts, under ordinary circumstances, would be settled by a remittance in the shape of bills of exchange on London. At present, and for the last three weeks, there have been a small demand for London exchange. Our foreign creditors have remained unpaid, and we have only been able to get payment for our exports by the importation of gold-an article which is of hardly any use to us, as our money consists exclusively of paper.

The par of sight drafts on London is 100%, and when the price falls one per cent, or to 1081, the importation of gold is profitable, not taking into account the risk involved in such a time as this fof a change in the financial situation while the gold is en route. The quotation yesterday for the best bankers' sight drafts was 1061 to 1061, or about two per cent below the price at which it is profitable to import specie. As a consequence of the gold already arrived here or on the way, the price of that article fell yesterday to below 108, the lowest point touched for eleven years. Among the first fruits of the expected return of confidence we are likely to see an active speculation for a rise in gold. The work of inflating standing greenbacks being now reported at over three hundred and sixty millions.

There seems to be a growing conviction which the Missouri suffered wreck, is one of shipping a few more millions of gold to this the Bahama group, in the jurisdiction of Great | country is not a matter for doubt. It is cer-Britain; and the case is to be examined by a tain to be disastrons to both countries. British Court of Admiralty. No lives were Within the last three weeks the Bank of Enlost by this shameful sacrifice of property; gland has lost more than nineteen million pleased by the prespect of retirement which tropics or the snows of the nois. We may ex- any circle of society, and the women whose it has been demolished.

act of 1844 as a direct contraction of nineteen millions in its issue of notes. On the 1st of October, the date of the last statement which has reached us by mail, its banking reserve of notes and coin had fallen to £9,954,181. There must have been a further large decrease in the reserve within the last fortnight, or else the rate of discount would not have been raised to six per cent. In short, it is perfectly plain that the Bank of England does not intend to allow in face of the advance this week in the discount rate there has been another break here in the price of exchange on London. This continual decline in gold and exchange operates also very much to the injury of our exporters of produce, while the importers are apparently unable to avail themselves of the inducements which are extended to them to remit. There has been a heavy decline in cotton this week, and the price of Midland Uplands at New-York is nearly two cents per pound lower than the lowest price touched in the cotton year which ended with September last. There is also a declining tendency in the prices of American staples at Liverpool, which will be much intensified should another advance in the discount rate of the Bank of England be found necessary. We fear that the worst effects of the collapse of our banking system are yet in store for us. From all parts of the country news comes of the discharge of workingmen, reduction of wages, and other symptoms of the absence of demand for manufac tured goods. Superfluities are to be dispensed with for some months to come. Times are hard for those who are engaged in their manufacture or sale. But are we to learn nothing? Are we to be of all nations the most unteachable?

### IMPRISONED WITNESSES.

The most interesting feature in the Stokes trial yesterday was the appearance of the two witnesses who have been locked up nearly two years because they were so unfortunate as to be employed in the ballway of the Grand Central Hotel at the time of the killing of Col. Fisk-we say their appearance was the most interesting feature of the trial, for they are the living testimony to one of the saddest abuses of our system of law. They had committed no offense. They were accidentally and so the law east them into prison to make sure that they should [be on hand when it wanted to hear their story. That they were poor and dependent upon their daily labor made no matter; rather it was because they were poor and unable to furnish heavy bail that the courts locked them up. Our Constitution embodies an especial prohibition against such accrying wrong: "Witnesses shall not be unreasonably detained," are the words it uses. But, unfortunately, this guarantee of the Constitution is rendered almost nugatory by the Statute of 1845, which empowers the District-Attorney to hold the witnesses from term to term as the cause may be postponed, and so the witnesses are powerless to be relieved from imprisonment and powerless to obtain damages for their detention; and none can tell when this will end; we have had two trials already, and who knows but we may not have another?

The remedy for such abuses is easy. It is simply to authorize, in lieu of the arrest and confinement of a material witness, the taking of his testimony, conditionally, to be used in case of his absence at the time of the trial; the defense can be represented at the taking of this testimony, and have the privilege of cross-examination, and indeed all the rights which it would have if the witness were produced at the trial. This method of proceeding with regard to witnesses for the defense is constantly resorted to, in cases where their that the personal presence of the witness is always an advantage; but why secure this advantage to the prosecution and deny it to the prisoner? Again, when the testimony of the witness has been secured, the great inducement to his disappearance is removed, and at the same time the chances of his being suborned to perjury are greatly lessened. The Bar Association has been in the habit of recommending to the Legislature the alteration or amendment of unsatisfactory laws; it cannot make a recommendation that would be more warmly appreciated by the public than one for preventing the scandal of honest citizens, who have violated no law, being deprived of their liberty, merely because they were the accidental eye-witnesses of a crime.

REPUBLICAN PROSPECTS IN FRANCE. The immediate effect of the Republican successes in France, in the elections of last Sunday, has been, as was natural to expect. a decided movement of adhesion towards the Left of the Chamber. The negotiations with the Comte de Chambord had seemed to be advancing so favorably for the last month that a public opinion was insensibly growing up, which, while not approving the restoration, was growing to accept it, with that lawabiding fatalism characteristic of the French, But the sudden shock of the victory achieved in four districts on the same day over the utmost efforts of the Monarchists, has wonderbut small remittances, and consequently but fully freshened the Republicans, and given a marked impulse to their cause. It has also thrown discouragement into the councils of the reactionists, and suggested to them the question whether it is safe to go on with their plan of importing the Bourbon King, in It is true that some of the more violent Monarchists cry out that this incident only proves the dangerous demoralization of the country and the necessity of prompt measures to save society. But such is not the opinion of all. The solid opposition of the majority is not a in a country which is so accustomed to the exercise of practical democracy as France. As to the charges of radicalism and communism, they are simply ridiculous when they refer to such men as the Comte de Rémusat and to the voters who have the discretion and judgment to adopt him as their candidate. It is useless to say he does not represent his constituents. Their most important political act is performed in voting for him, and the wider his variances of political belief from them may be, the more credit they deserve for the sagacity and self-restraint which induced them to support him. It is not astonishing, therefore, that many

hesitating Deputies who would have gone promptly to the Right if they had elected their candidates have had their spines so

submitted to the Chamber as soon as it opens, Marshal MacMahon; a proposition which the distinct plan for the definitive organization of the Republic. If this is accomplished, the Republic may then be regarded as established. The reactionary parties can never reasonably hope to have another such opportunity afforded them, as that presented by the present composiany more gold to be sent to America if high tion of the Chamber. The Imperialists, interest in England can keep it at home. Yet led by M. Rouher, may amuse themselves by petitions for an appeal to the people in the interest of the young orator of Chiselhurst. But the comedy of the plébiscite in 1870 turned to a tragedy so full of terror and sorrow that it would scarcely be popular or effective again. If the Republic escapes this conspiracy its chance for life will be as good as that of any other government on the Continent.

Everything seems just now to work in its favor. The Comte de Chambord, who seems to be gifted with a stolid obstinacy which is little less than providential, has been making some new difficulties with his anxious supporters, and it is said that the last Committee of the Right who have approached him in regard to the terms under which he will be willing to receive the crown, have returned to Paris in anything but a cheerful frame of mind. No candidate that ever sought an office has ever indulged in so luxurious and capricious a conscience. Words, phrases, ceremonies, and colors are matters of profound conviction with him, and he seems to plume himself upon the importance he attaches to things that other men regard as trifles. The Bazaine trial is slowly injuring and discrediting the Empire day by day. Prince Napoleon, with his Portalis correspondence, gave a rude blow to his whole family. But perhaps the most considerable injury which the Bourbon cause has received has been from the effect which has been created in Italy by the premature boastings and zealous outgivings of the Ultramontane party. The journey of Victor Emanuel to Germany, and the consequent coolness which has sprung up between Versailles and Rome, have caused all thoughtful people to reflect very seriously upon the probable results which would follow the accession of a fanatical reactionary Government in France. Nothing is so dreaded present or near at hand when a man was shot, there as isolation, and nothing would more certainly result from the adoption of an Ultramontane policy.

THE ULTIMATE CONSTITUTION OF MATTER. Boundless as are in general the fields of scientific résearch, it would seem that we are in some directions, approaching the limits of human knowledge. These limits are yet far distant, and their outlines, if indeed we do see them at all, are but dimly visible. Vast chasms yet intervene, which future pioneers may fill with substantial facts or bridge with magnificent hypotheses, and there is work enough for many generations. But our progress increases in an accelerating ratio, As the light that broke forth in the days of Newton and Galileo was to the darkness of preceding ages, so are the discoveries of the present century, including the vibratory theory of light, the mechanical theory of heat, and the developments of the spectroscope, to all that have gone before.

In a very able lecture delivered by Prof.

Clerk-Maxwell at the Bradford meeting of the

British Association for the Advancement of Science, and reported in full in Nature, an interesting resumé is given of the most recent researches in respect to the ultimate constitution of matter. The atomic theory assumes that there is a point beyond which matter cannot be subdivided; that it is composed of atoms of definite weight and form. We have not space for the arguments which support presence at the trial is matter of doubt, either | this theory; suffice it that no other hypothesis by reason of sickness, old age, or anticipated offers an adequate explanation of the propordeparture from the country. We are aware tional character of all chemical combinations, over bright eyes, the colors of fallen leaves Downey began the same day an se ion for libel. or of many other physical phenomena. A combination of atoms constitutes a molecule, and the molecule thus formed retains the permanent, definite characteristics which are ascribed to the atom. A molecule is the smallest portion into which any substance can be divided without losing its identity: if the molecule is divided, we have two or more substances instead of one. Thus, for instance, if a drop of water were divided into the smallest possible particles, those particles, still being water, would be molecules of water; but if further divided into their constituent gases, we should have molecules, or possibly atoms, of oxygen and hydrogen. As far as mechanical subdivision is concerned, we have only to deal with molecules. We must now conceive of these as constantly in motion. It is not so difficult to apprehend this in the case of gases; the rapidity with which many odors penetrate the atmosphere, even where there is no wind stirring, affords an obvious illustration; yet in this case the movements of the molecules of the odorous substance are delayed at every instant by colliding with the molecules of the air, themselves in motion at the rate of about seventeen miles a minute. This motion is in all directions. The invisible molecules of air are continually dashing upon our bodies with a force that if applied to but one part at a time would strike it as a blast from the mouth of a cannon; but coming from every quarter, within and without, above and below, behind and before, their blows counterbalance each other. We get some notion of this motion when we increase it by heat, and obtain what we designate as an expansive force. Whether we heat an iron bar till it lengthens, or a volume of air in an Ericsson engine, or create steam in face of the evident hostility of the masses, a boiler, we have merely increased the motion of the molecules. Millions upon millions of them beating upon every square inch of the cylinder-head give it the motion that turns the wheels of the steam-engine. The act of freezing furnishes an illustration of the force of movement of molecules in liquids. The thing which most politicians care to confront | frost that cracks the water-pitcher, or bursts the Croton pipe, is capable of rending mountains; yet it is simply the blows struck by innumerable particles which are rushing to arrange themselves in crystalline forms. Those of us who saw at Tyndall's lectures the shadows of the aggregating particles that came into being, as it were, out of the transparent liquid, and flew with eagerness across the canvas to settle in geometrical shapes upon the platinum poles, have some notion of the process; for it seemed as if we might have almost heard as well as seen their violent collisions.

Great as is the force thus indicated, it is limited and strictly measurable. If the inclosing vessel is of sufficiently enormous strength to resist the polarizing movement of the particles, water will not and cannot freeze stiffened by the news of Sunday as to come at any degree of cold. The pressure of steam out openly in favor of the Republic. The at given temperatures is the same, whether its Ministry, who have not been especially well | molecules are obtained from the seas of the

are said to be preparing a proposition, to be has slumbered through all the geological ages, and to how many is life joyous or full as in and hydrogen that comes to us in the aerolite for the prolongation of the tenure of office of from the depths of space, and combining them obtain a liquid that is identical with the rain-Left will probably support if coupled with a drops of yesterday. The problems upon which scientific study is concentrated have thus a and the results obtained have a most striking concordance when exhibited in a tabular form. croscope will ever enable us to see a molecule and observe its movements. It has been estimated that if a drop of water were magnified be bigger than peas. In the paper to which we have referred it is calculated that if two million molecules of hydrogen were placed in a row they would occupy the space of a millemeter; i. e., the twenty-fifth part of an inch; and 1,000,000,000,000 of them would weigh four or five grammes-say three pennyweights. These figures are not to be taken yet as strictly are more certainly informed as to the relative length of the paths of their vibrations, and the number of collisions they make per second. The last of these three gives, we think, the may be conceived in the case of air as striking one another, as bombarding the sides of the room, as pounding upon our bodies. The collisions of a molecule of hydrogen are calculated as 17,750,000,000 in a second, of time. Those of oxygen are somewhat less than half that number. The absolute velocity of the movements and the proportions to each other of the masses of the molecules of different substances are known with an approach to absolute accuracy: but we shall not weary the

reader with figures. There is a higher class of considerations to which these researches lead us. In his admirable discourse on the Development Theory before the Evangelical Alliance, Dr. McCosh gave some grounds for his hope that the sublimest discoveries of science were but paying the way for new proofs of the great truths of religion. It has been suggested, not without plausibility, that an argument which even a theologian need not despise might be drawn from these views of the constitution of matter. The fact that ultimate molecules, whether we seek them in "the influences of the Pleiades," or measure them in the vibrations that gleam from the sword of Orion, or snatch them from the rainbow's arch, or dip them from the boiling geyser, have precisely the same shape, size, weight; are driven by the same force to move in paths of the same length, with the same velocity-although a deduction from purely physical research, offers ground upon which the advocates of the evolution theory cannot tread. These molecules, in their uniformity, in their universality, in their perfection, they and the force which actuates their movements, were net developed; they were

## not evolved: they were made.

OCTOBER.

The nipping nights since the equinoctial storm have driven almost all wanderers on sea-beach or mountain-tops back to the region where furnace-heated rooms and hot baths are possible. A few twice-blessed mortals, who have full pockets to back their love of Nature, yet linger in their country-seats to watch the crowned year put on the royal purple of October; but to the most of us, the reflection of a yellower sunset than usual over the tops of the houses, or the red stain on the half-withered leaves blown across the square pavements, are the only far-off hints of the vast pomp without. Nobody heeds such hints. The fact that the watermelons at the green-grocers' doors make us shiver, and that the dinnertable is loaded with grapes, are the only ways in which we know that Summer is gone. Rich autumnal tints on the hats and clothes of the pretty girls as they go by, the curling plumes clasping and making white the delicate throat, interest us more than any ruby splendors of far-off forests; and the opening of the season, Salvini's going or Nilsson's coming, concern us much more deeply than the bronzed meadow vonder where Autumn, grape-crowned, and with her scepter of golden corn, sits down a queen. A month ago, we were all out like the bees in the fields, pursuing our special sort of honey; extracting from salt water, or pine woods, or scarped cliff, ideas, good appetite, devotion, newspaper letters or flirtation; now we have left Nature to the bees and hotelkeepers, and go to panics and Alliances for

our mental and moral supplies. We can hardly understand how Nature in her vast quiet should go on with her eternal processes just as though it were "the season," and countless aching eyes and overworked brains were her audience. Mists redden deeper over the water courses every day, the sumach darkens its crimson balls, the fish-hawk on the bleak beach warns its clan of toadying black-birds of the day of its flight south, as regardless of man as they were before Adam and Eve began human history in that garden on the under side of the world.

Men, too, have an odd distaste for drawing the apparent lesson which the Autumn thrusts upon them in every ripened grain or yellowed leaf. Spring's similitudes we all know by heart; it is not only the youth of the year but human youth. Is not May always a maiden crowned with columbines? When the birds pair and build their nests does not every young man's fancy turn the same way? Are not the tints of youth pale, uncertain, full of promise, like April's? Are not its ideas weak, its opinions acid, like unripened fruit? All of us, whether our notions run into poetry or prose, have carried on the likeness. Summer is middle age; the fair young matron, the man in his strength; the crude buds of ideas have become fruit, the temper is sunny, the days are long, and busy, and calm with content; it is high noon; and Winter is Old Age covered with white bair, going to lie down and sleep in the grave until the resurrection.

the grain keeps until then its richest juice; the tree draws with the whole force of its nature on earth and trunk and leaf for sap to enrich its perfect fruit; the flowers whose coloring is the deepest unfold only in this late day; the very sky robs the sun of tints which the Summer could not borrow; the cold air is vital with energy unknown before; it is as though Nature, having finished her work and being ready for death, gathered all her beauty and power to utter her life in one glad triumphant hymn. Now, the average American, whether man or woman, very naturally dodges this similitude; for when his work is done and he is looking forward to death, there is very little beauty or power left in him; and if he does express his life in hymns, they are neither glad nor triumphant, nor anyways pleasant for

But Autumn is in Nature the fullness of life;

dollars of its gold, which operates under the the accession of Henry V. holds out to them, tract oxygen from the lowest granite where it dyed his or false fronts hint at the same age, their youth ? In nine cases out of ten the men are auxious about the money, or lack of it, which their children will inherit, and the women too early worn out with working for these children. Religion or impiety has certain grand simplicity. Their solution is at- little to do with this ewil; its cause lies in tempted by a considerable variety of methods, plain, easily understood facts. The man and woman, both at an age where European children would still be at school, were It is needless to say that no power of the mi- thrust into the market to make money or a marriage. From that time until old age, it has been one incessant struggle. Rest or amusement were resorted to to the size of the earth, its molecules would not as disagreeable remedies, like cod-liver oil, when prescribed by a physician, Natural gifts of cheerfulness, wit, genial social qualities of every kind, were stunted and dwarfed in order to make money, as the gardener nips every flower and leaf away which will hinder the single monstrons growth of fruit. The tree thus treated stands bare and unsightly in the Autumn, and when the human accurate, but as a probable conjecture. We life which has been both thwarted and overestimated reaches its old age there is no size of the molecules of different gases, the beauty in it that we should desire it. When the air of Spring has been free from noxious fogs, and the Summer warm, abundant, and slow and steady in growth, we may look in most vivid notion of their movement. They human life, as in Nature, for a calm and beautiful October.\_

> Of course, when a Justice of the Peace is to be puffed at all in a newspaper it should be done in a handsome way, belitting the dignity of the subject; and it is in that way that it has been done by a newspaper in Missouri. Announcing a marriage by a Justice the journal says: "While his words were elegant and impressive, they embodied a uniting power that would cement together the most repelling substances, to say nothing of such mutually attractive bodies as two people anxious to get married. His Henor, though this was his first experience in this branch of his business, performed the coremony with great dignity and solemnity." Thomas White and Miss Mollie Quick were the fortunate couple thus elegantly turned off. And while we are upon this really interesting subject, we may notice another puff which we have encountered in a Georgia newspaper. This time it is bride and bridegroom who receive unlimited approbation. "We extend," says the editor, "out heartiest congratulations to the handsome, energotic, and intelligent groom; and our best wishes to the beautiful, amiable, and accomplished bride. She leans upon a strong arm, guided by a big brain; he has cutwined about him the tender affections of a pure and noble heart. Success and Happiness to both, now and forevermore!" If the gentleman with the Big Brain and the lady with the Entwining Affections are not satisfied with the nature of this notice, then they must be more sensible than newly married people usually are.

If we are to judge the English people by Mr. Dickens's writings we might well consider them a people of ardent devotion to strong liquors. If we are to believe Lord Houghton in his address as President of the British Social Science Congress, this is just as it ought to be. "A national love for strong drinks," says this essayist, politician, moral poet, and man of society, " is a characteristic of the nobler and more energetic populations of the world; it accompanies public and private enterprise, con stancy of purpose, liberality of thought, and aptitude for war; it exhibits itself prominently in strong and nervous constitutions, and assumes in very many instances the character of a curative instinct." Al this Lord Houghton gave utterance to without argument, illustration, and reason, and probably much to the disgust of the average British Good Templar, who must be somewhat unhappy what with his convictions and his admiration for a lord. We doubt if the speaker's views would be largely adopted by men of science; it was at any rate rather dangerous to proclaim them with the weight of his position as President of the Congress.

Mr Daniel J. Downey called at THE TRIBUNE office to contradict a statement published ten days before to the effect that as receiving clerk of the Brooklyn Health Board be had obtained large sums of money by charging for fictitious cases of smallpox. The reporter who had furnished the item was directed to supply his proofs or retract the accusation in the next number of THE TRIBUNE; but without waiting for the contradiction to appear, Mr. accusations is one which we owe not only to the injured persons but to all our readers, and of sourse t is not affected by law-suits. The charges against Mr. Downey were unjust, and we deeply regret having given circulation to them. They were made on the authority of Alderman Wylie, but the accuser cannot substantiate them, and the reporter who accepted them without thorough investigation has been discharged from our service.

It is creditable to the City of Beston that no sooner has it begun to assume metropolitan proportions than the necessity of a great Public Park is warmly considered. We agree with our brethren of the press there in the opinion that no city in need of a park ever had such facilities for establishing a good one. The territory just annexed is much of it in an almost primitively rural condition, presenting every variety of landscape-hill and dale, wood and water, slope and meadow. This land, of course, will rapidly advance in value; and if Boston is to dedicate a portion of it to public uses, there must be no delay in doing so. The danger is that, with such . wide-spread territory, the selfishness of conflicting interests may postpone the scheme until the rare opportunities of the present shall be irretrievably

A remedy for financial trouble is suggested by a writer in The Woman's Journal. It is n't specie payments; it hasn't anything to do with the price of stocks. It is simply that when a financial person wants to try some speculation on Wall Street, he should go home and ask his wise about it first. Much of the extravagant risk of speculation," observes this fair philosopher, "would never be incarred if women were consulted. That reckless and unscrupulous use of money and of credit, which sows the wind to reap the whirlwind, does not at all commend itself to the conservative temper of woman." Why should n't financiers act upon this suggestion. Alas! as the old lady feelingly says in the balled:

But then! I tell my daughter Folks do n't do as they 'd oughter; Ther had n't oughter do as they do— Why do n't they do as they 'd oughter!

A Detroit wife has demanded a divorce from her husband upon the following grounds: 1. He is inebriated on an average 27 days in every month; 2. He cut off her hair while she slumbered; S. He is accustomed to awake her at daylight by throwing several pails of cold water over the bed; 4. He has attempted to force kerosene oil down her throat; 5. He has forced her to go without shoes and stockings; 6. He puts hot potatoes in her hands and then mashes them by squeezing her fingers. It is thought by a majority of the best lawyers in Detroit that this singularly treated dame is entitled to a separation; but it is n't a case upon which we should like to express an opinion until we hear what the busband has so say about it.

Bogardus has recently issued a picture having a historical interest for all friends of the Founder of THE TRIBUNE. It is an admirable portrait of Mr. Greeley, one of the very best ever made, represent ing him seated at the historic desk in his well-known room in the old TRIBUNE building, with all the surroundings of his daily editorial life faithfully reproduced, and engaged in consultation with his Managing Editor on the business of the paper. The portraits are excellent, and the reproduction of the famous little room is of photographic accuracy, and men to listen to. Take the men past sixty in of special interest now that its occupant is gone and